SIGURD ANDERSON
GOVERNOR

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P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the greatness of the United States of America comes from the ideas, ideals and sacrifices and the persevering spirit of the pioneers, and

WHEREAS, the heritage of the Missouri Basin has been given to the people in this Basin by those who came by oxcart, by boat, on horseback, on foot, by train and by almost every conceivable form of transportation from the east and the west and the south and the north to help create and build the area known as the great Middle Border, and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the citizens of South Dakota should honor those who made possible the great Middle Border area, and

WHEREAS, it is also appropriate that the people of South Dakota should take the lead in honoring and properly acknowledging the many contributions of those who have made the Middle Border country an area of spiritual leadership, material productivity, and place of opportunity for all who subscribe to the American way of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim and establish the last Saturday of April as

MIDDLE BORDER PIONEER DAY

and request my fellow citizens to unit with the "Friends of the Middle Border" in giving special honor and recognition and make proper acknowledgment to the pioneers and early settlers by means of public gatherings, public formal ceremonies, family gatherings, and newspaper publicity toward the end that all of us may more fully understand and appreciate and perpetuate the richness and the value of the great heritage that has been given to us by those who pioneered the great Middle Border country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 17th day of April, 1954.

Sigurd Anderson

ATTEST:

Geraldine Ostroot
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Secretary of State

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Governor